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Next Meeting

October 8th, 2025
Set up: 6:30pm
Business meeting: 7pm

Farmington Senior Center
321 New Britain Ave,
Unionville, CT 06085

Featured Event

Repotting Clinic

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Harvest season is upon us and there is a bounty of orchids to enjoy, many of the winter blooming Cattleya are in sheath with the promise of blooms to come this winter. After our summer break the show season kicked off with the CT Orchid Society Show and Sale 'Orchid Harvest' this past weekend. Members and volunteers came together to celebrate the wonderful diversity of the orchid family with blooming displays and a well-stocked plant sale!

The fascinating diversity of the orchid world never ceases to amaze me with the strange and bizarre adaptations in pollination leading to the stunning floristic forms that we so enjoy. Congratulations to all our members who contributed blooming plants to the club display, we garnered a number of ribbons and rosettes. Orchid shows are a fun opportunity to introduce the public to orchids, while also showcasing the talents of the grower. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made the show possible contributing time and energy to setting up the Show and Sales area, donating plants, staffing the event, and breaking down after the weekend was over. It would not have been possible without you all!

Our October meeting will be a Repotting Clinic with orchid supplies for sale! As a reminder, one of the many benefits of being a member of the orchid society is a 25% members discount on all books and supplies, I would encourage everyone to take advantage of the discount, the prices for pots, mixes, and stakes are very reasonable and you are supporting your society with your purchase! The supplies list is posted under the 'Supplies' tab on our website, NOT on the sidebar under the calendar, that is an outdated supplies list that we can't seem to delete! Please reach out ahead of time to, ctorchidsociety@gmail.com if there is anything you would like us to bring to the meeting for you. We will be bringing a selection of supplies but will not have everything on the list unless it's specifically requested. As we head into the cooler months of fall many orchids are putting on new root and shoot growth, so take advantage of this and get some repotting done! We have everything you need from pots to stakes and everything in between.

If you are uncertain or intimidated about repotting your plants or just want to join in the fun this month's meeting should be a popular event. Bring in your overgrown plants or plants in old potting media, our orchid experts will be on hand to coach you on how to repot or divide your plant. If you would like someone to re-pot your plant for you, we can also do that for a small fee of \$5 per plant. This is a hands-on event so be prepared to dig in and get dirty! We will have extra pruners and repotting tools, but strongly encourage you to bring your own if you have them so we have enough to go around. Even if you don't have any orchids to repot, come on out and join us at the September meeting, there is always something new to learn, and as always, we encourage you to bring your blooming plants for the Show Table!

See you at the next meeting!

Christian

HAVE IDEAS?

**If you have ideas
about the direction
of the future of the
society, please
consider joining
the board!**



Upcoming AOS Webinars

All webinars from 8:30-9:30PM EST

Registration at www.aos.org

Oct 9: Greenhouse Chat

At 8:30pm

Oct 13: Historical Look at Phrags

At 8:30pm

Nov 4: Greenhouse Chat

At 8:30pm

Orchids in the News

Ghost Orchid Proposed for ESA Protection: read more [here](#).

Climate change-driven northward expansion of the mediterranean orchid: read more [here](#).

Saving the world's rarest orchid: read more [here](#).

COS in the News

Orchids Take Center Stage at Pomperaug Valley Garden Club's October 14 Program: read more [here](#).

COS Show Display



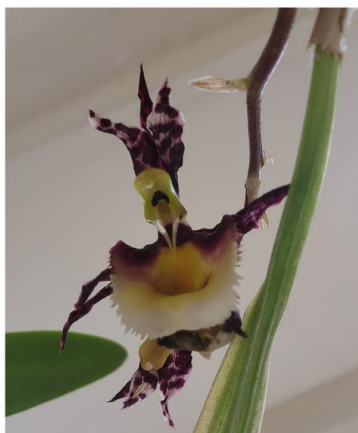
September Show Table

<i>Aliceara</i> Sunday Best 'Muffin'	C. Lesage	i, g*
<i>Bratonia</i> Dark Star 'The Orchid Works'	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Catasetum</i> Double Down 'BPYL'	M. Wicki	i, w
<i>Galeandra greenwoodiana</i>	Z. Loughman	i, l
<i>Guaritonia</i> Why Not 'Red'	M. Wicki	i, w
<i>Oncidesa</i> Sweet Sugar 'Angel'	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i>	J. Chang	i, g/l
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'Mike's Purple'	M. Wicki	i, w
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Anthony Omeis Pixie	M. Wicki	i, w
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Don Wimber 'M & B' AM/AOS	J. Chang	i, g/l
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Eumelia Arias 'Kelly Creek' HCC/AOS	J. Chang	i, g/l
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Fritz Schomburg 'Eddy Lick Run' FCC/AOS	J. Chang	i, g/l
<i>Prostechea radiata</i>	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> George King 'Serendipity' AM/AOS	J. Chang	i, g/l
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Malworth 'Orchidglade' FCC/AOS	J. Chang	i, g/l
<i>Schunkeara</i> Big Shot 'Leopard'	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Vanda falcata</i> Shutennou	R. Schwartz	i, w
<i>Zygoneria</i> Adelaide Meadows	J. Chang	i, g/l
<i>Zygopetalum</i> hybrid ig. 'Tatyana's'	T. Moreva	?, ?

* c = cool, i=intermediate, w=warm

g=greenhouse, l=lights, w=windowsill

***Catasetum* Double Down 'BPYL'**



***Phragmipedium* Anthony Omeis Pixie**



***Aliceara* Sunday Best 'Muffin'**



***Bratonia* Dark Star 'The Orchid Works'**



***Guariton* Why Not 'Red'**



***Oncidesa* Sweet Sugar 'Angel'**



***Phalaenopsis* hybrid ig. 'Mike's Purple'**



***Rhyncattleanthe* George King
'Serendipity' AM/AOS**



***Phragmipedium* Eumelia Arias**
'Kelly Creek' HCC/AOS



***Phragmipedium* Fritz Schomburg**
'Eddy Lick Run' FCC/AOS



Prostechea radiata



***Zygopetalum hybrid* ig. 'Tatyana's'**



***Schunkeara* Big Shot 'Leopard'**

***Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Malworth**
'Orchidglade' FCC/AOS



***Vanda falcata* Shutennou**



***Zygoneria* Adelaide Meadows**



People's Choice Award

Winner

Jason Chang's

Paphiopedilum dianthum



Runners Up

Zoe Loughman's

Galeandra greenwoodiana



Jason Chang's

Phragmipedium Don Wimber 'M & B' AM/AOS



COS Show Other Society Tables



COS Show Vendor Displays



Upcoming Events for 2025: COS and Beyond

October

October 6 Board Meeting 7pm

October 8 COS Meeting Farmington: Repotting Clinic and Supplies Sale

November

November 1 - 2 Massachusetts Orchid Society Show & Sale

November 10 Board Meeting 7pm

November 12 COS Meeting Cheshire: Topic TBD

December

December 8 Board Meeting 7pm

December 10 COS Meeting Farmington: Holiday Party

Subject to Change

COS Show Trophy Winners

J&L Orchid's *Platystele repens* won Best Species.

Michale Lincoln of CAIOS' *Phragmipedium Normant* '3N' won two trophies: Al DeLuca Memorial Trophy for Best Slipper Grown by a Hobbyist and Best Specimen.

Christain's *Cattleya maxima coerulea* 'Ingred' x 'Angelo' won two trophies: Roger Vars Memorial Trophy for Best *Cattleya* Grown by a Hobbyist and Best Species Originating in Central or South America.

Christain's *Angraecum magdalene* won Best in Show.

Jason Chang's *Phalaenopsis bellina* 'Crystelle' FCC/AOS won Best Orchid Grown in the Home.

COS Show Trophy Winners



Mentor List

The following COS members are available to answer your culture questions and help you with any orchid growing problems you may have.

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(After 7:30 pm) Windowsill growing methods: Species & hybrids

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COS Membership Information

Membership is open to anyone interested in orchids. Members join the Society by payment of annual dues. Memberships may be individual, student, family, life, or honorary. Honorary membership is for life and is made by nomination of the Board of Directors and majority vote of the membership present at a regular meeting. Annual membership includes electronic delivery of the newsletter. The newsletter is published each month except July and August.

COS Membership Dues: \$30/yr. Individual \$35/yr. Family

\$300 Individual or \$350 Family Lifetime Membership (never pay dues again!) Visit www.ctorchids.org to apply for/renew membership. We accept Paypal.

Contact Membership Chairperson Mary Rampone at COSMembership@earthlink.net for details.

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The Connecticut Orchid Society is an incorporated, non-profit association for the preservation and extension of knowledge concerning the conservation, ecology, science, cultivation, hybridization, appreciation and uses of orchids; and to carry on such activities as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate such purposes.